



STATE OF NEVADA
Department of Administration
Division of Human Resource Management

CLASS SPECIFICATION

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>EE0-4</u>	<u>CODE</u>
CHIEF OF CLASSIFICATION AND PLANNING	44*	A	12.551

Under general direction of the department director, the Chief of Classification and Planning has sole statewide responsibility for planning, organizing, implementing and controlling the department's inmate classification system, statistical information and planning system, the criminal justice records system and central transportation services. The incumbent also approves awards and forfeiture of good time credit, serves as the department's public information officer, and develops contracts for housing inmates outside department facilities and outside the State.

Direct the planning, organization, review and evaluation of the department's statewide inmate classification system by conducting research and developing uniform criteria for statewide application in the classification of inmates from reception to discharge; establishing standard criteria against which to assess performance of the classification system; enforcing the classification standards and criteria by reviewing classification actions and decisions; conducting classification audits and providing training to staff members; and directing the implementation and use of the inmate information system for storage, review and data manipulations.

Perform supervisory functions including assigning duties, reviewing work, evaluating performance, hiring new employees, providing training and taking disciplinary actions.

Review and approve all institutional recommendations for inmates' assignment to work programs and/or housing outside the security parameters of the department's major institutions and approve all transfers by reviewing inmate files and recommendations given by Wardens and other officers.

Direct the department's component of residential confinement of offenders convicted of drug and alcohol-related violations; ensure coordination of supervision of residential confinement participants with the Division of Parole and Probation, and courts of the State.

Develop contracts for placing offenders in public and private housing facilities outside of the department, and in some cases, the State; review location of private housing resources throughout the United States, and complete contracts to ensure appropriate security and treatment of offenders placed in other jurisdictions.

Develop plans, policies and procedures regarding the transportation of inmates to and from department facilities, courts, medical providers, criminal justice agencies and other locations; coordinate the actual movement of inmates with the institution of departure, transportation vendors and the receiving jurisdiction or facility.

Manage the Central Monitoring component of inmate information system that requires a higher level of classification scrutiny including interstate compact transfers, disruptive prison gang members and inmates requiring protective custody.

*** Reflects a 1-grade, special salary adjustment authorized by the 2001 Legislature to improve recruitment and retention.**

Direct and supervise the collection, maintenance and reporting of State prison population statistics, including census, demographics, length of time served, characteristics of sentencing practices, parole practices, comparisons between western states and Nevada as well as documentation of trends related to all of the above to ensure that adequate information is available for planning purposes; and establish standards for the utilization of statistical information as well as the uniform application of methods and specific definitions used in gathering and reporting statistical information.

Review and approve semi-annual inmate population projections by reviewing the data collection methodology utilized by subordinate staff and contractors in order to assess needs and to allocate resources to meet inmate population growth; analyze inmate population statistics, demographic trends, incarceration rates, and sentence lengths, by conducting research and correlating the data with prison capacity, program development, security needs and other alternatives to incarceration.

Coordinate and manage the department's participation in research and information sharing activities with federal, state and local criminal justice agencies, the Federal Census Bureau and other governmental and private entities as required.

Formulate and regularly update department planning documents (Master Plans) by correlating statistical data and population projections with prison capacity in order to develop a valid needs assessment.

Administer the department's Central Criminal Justice record system; develop, implement, review and monitor institutional compliance with departmental policy and procedures concerning record keeping; interpret State and federal laws, judicially mandated requirements, Attorney General's opinions, and administrative regulations pertaining to inmate judgments (sentences), sentence credit law, and court case law; and approve inmate releases by reviewing documents prepared by subordinate staff to ensure uniformity and compliance with applicable Nevada Revised Statutes.

Administer the Interstate Corrections Compact and the Interstate Agreement on Detainers by formulating local procedures, initiating transfer actions, and reviewing and authorizing transfer requests from other jurisdictions; establish and maintain interstate transportation contracts with private sector specialists to transport inmates.

Direct the distribution of the inmate population in accordance with legislatively approved plans for the biennium while taking into account social equity issues, contract limitations, and capital improvement projects which affect housing availability for offenders.

Review and approve nominations for meritorious awards, and meritorious achievement credits based upon exceptional performance or actions of inmates in relation to various activities within the department; approve a discretionary award of statutory good time credit as authorized in NRS Chapter 209.

Evaluate and approve forfeiture of statutory good time credit based on records and reports of inmate misconduct as well as documentation regarding disciplinary measures taken; ensure adherence with established departmental discipline policies and procedures.

Coordinate the acquisition of medical reports regarding candidates for compassionate release of offenders; determine that they meet the requirements of the law, evaluate case factors, and develop a recommendation for the director regarding the suitability of the release candidates; notify County Commissioners in the county in which the inmate will reside, and coordinate the release to the community for supervision of the inmate by the Division of Parole and Probation.

Serve as the director's liaison with international, federal, state and municipal law enforcement and correctional agencies, members of the judiciary and attorneys and coordinate various external relations of the department.

Serve as the director's liaison to the community on all issues affecting the department to include media inquiries, legislative liaison, and citizen inquiries relative to all aspects of offender incarceration; notify media representatives of major incidents occurring within prison facilities; manage media relations and prepare press releases and responses from the department during major and ongoing incidents to include hostage incidents and executions.

Report to the director all issues concerning court orders and other documents relating to civil and criminal litigations which impact the department and/or inmates by receiving and evaluating them as well as by interpreting and applying knowledge of the department's plans, policies and resource allocations.

Approve all requests from county officials for the housing of pre-trial detainees as "safekeepers" and monitor the detainee's legal status and adjustment while in the department's custody.

Determine need for legislative changes and develop bill drafts for introduction by conducting surveys of the entire department and evaluating responses from management.

Serve as the Administrative Officer of the Day and review critical and unusual incidents reported by various institutions and facilities; take appropriate actions or advise officers of the actions to be taken by applying knowledge of agency rules and regulations; notify the Assistant Director, Director and the Governor's Office on critical incidents and the actions taken; serve as acting Warden of assigned institution/facility as directed.

Perform related duties as required.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE: Bachelor's degree from an accredited college with a bachelor's degree in the field of corrections, criminal justice, law enforcement, business information systems or related field of study and six years of experience in the area of classification/case work services or statistics and planning or information systems, two of which must have been working in a supervisory and administrative capacity; **OR** Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with an advanced degree in criminal justice, law enforcement, business information system or another field related to classification/casework services and four years of experience, two of which must have been working in a supervisory and administrative capacity.

ENTRY LEVEL KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES (required at time of application):

Detailed knowledge of: the Nevada objective inmate classification system; inmate population distribution in accordance with legislatively approved plan and capital improvement projects which affect housing availability for offenders; State rules, regulations, policies, procedures, and processes related to meritorious award and good time credit; policies and procedures related to coordinating supervision of inmates confined to their residence. **Working knowledge of:** public financial administration. **Ability to:** analyze choices, judge the relative merits of choices, and make reasonable decisions; develop budget line items from projected inmate population using inmate driven formulas; modify and/or adapt the design of corrections statistics for enhanced utility to various users (to make them user friendly); identify effects of law and policy changes to prison administration; explain prison population forecasts to Legislators and public administrators; explain policy implications to computer programming staff; write technical reports on inmate classification which are suitable for publication in professional journals; present technical material to prison caseworkers in a manner that stimulates interest and learning; delegate and supervise technical employees; interact diplomatically with the public and the news media; make oral group presentations to provide releases, explain policy, defend agency's position or action; systematically arrange rules and instructions into groups or categories to facilitate training and implementation of policy; read technical documents such as statistical abstracts; design a performance measurement standard for classification; establish and maintain working rapport with

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS (cont'd)**ENTRY LEVEL KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES** (cont'd)

practitioners in the general field of criminal justice, both within the State and nationally; analyze operational practices, define problems, develop solutions justify conclusions, and implement changes; develop innovative and resourceful solutions to problems; develop contracts for the housing of offenders in public and private facilities outside the department; communicate effectively orally and in writing with courts, law enforcement agencies, and the general public. **Skill in:** negotiating inmate exchanges that are beneficial to the State. **Demonstrated skill in:** composing instruction manuals suitable for system wide publication.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES (typically acquired on the job):

Detailed knowledge of: department policy related to public information and news media relations; contents and operation of the department's automated inmate information system; the body of State law and policy that governs the department; classification criteria; State law and court cases related to crime and punishment; department security practices and laws related to the management of inmates; Nevada legislative process related to bill drafting and law changes. **Working knowledge of:** statistical methodology employed by the department; computer based population forecasting techniques. **Ability to:** thoroughly explain exceptions to criteria and policy based on logical reasoning; determine public concerns regarding inmate risk potential; translate problem/solution questions to programmer for database analysis. **Demonstrated skill in:** making rational decisions during emergency situations.

This class specification is used for classification, recruitment and examination purposes. It is not to be considered a substitute for work performance standards for positions assigned to this class.

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